

## *Minutes of the Stratham Heritage Commission*

*April 13, 2011—Municipal Center*

### **OPENING:**

**Present:** Becky Mitchell, Chair; Beverly Connolly, Secretary; Flossie Wiggin, Alternate Member; Nate Merrill, Alternate Member; M.J. Werner, Planning Board Rep; guest, John Boisvert, Chair, Public Works Commission

**Meeting:** Opened at 5:40 and adjourned at 7:25 pm.

**Minutes:** March 9, 2011, meeting minutes were approved pending addition of names of those in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** DVD sales=\$82; postcards, \$25. It was decided to order additional DVD's for special requests and the upcoming Stratham Fair booth. Flossie and MJ will work on adding names to the video. Bev will continue ordering new postcards (100 free from Vistaprint) as *a propos* photos emerge.

There has been a problem with monies of the Tercentenary Committee being combined with the Heritage Commission. Becky will look into this.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Kenniston Tavern:** Fannie Mae has put a \$175,000 selling price on the "tavern" (MLS #4051229) plus has had the interior cleaned and will be doing some of the landscaping. It is considered a "Home Path Property." Estimated cost of refurbishing the property is between \$145,000 to \$200,000.

**Planning Board:** A new office building was approved for Lindt headquarters.

**Survey:** Of the 13 Town Center properties to be surveyed all but 5 have been partially completed.

**Town Meeting:** There was a review of the Town Meeting vote and discussion of the challenges facing historic properties on Portsmouth Avenue. The commission reached a consensus regarding future Portsmouth Ave. dialogue with the economic development committee and the planning board.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Hampshire Preservation Alliance conference:** Flossie and Becky attended. Becky felt this was very important for networking.

**Annual Report:** There was a discussion regarding the town's Annual Report. Members would prefer to see commission reports in alphabetical order.

**Announcements:** Members were encouraged to participate in the Conservation Commissions' Stratham Clean-Up Day, April 23, 9 am at Stratham Hill Park.

**MAY MEETING: Municipal Center, Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 5:30pm**